

**Catch it Before
the Catch Basin!**



***A Clean
Environment is
Important
To All of Us!***

*In the City of Manhattan
Beach, storm drains flow
directly to the beach
without treatment. Storm
water pollution can cause*

*human and
environmental health
problems.*

*Storm water pollution
comes from a variety of
sources including oil, fuel,
and fluids from vehicles
and heavy equipment,
pesticide runoff from
landscaping, and from
materials such as
concrete, mortar and soil
from construction
activities.*

*The City of Manhattan
Beach is committed to
improving water quality
and reducing the amount
of pollutants that enter
our precious waterways.*

Storm Water Protection Program



Home Improvement

Many of the materials that we use during our home improvement projects have the potential to pollute storm water, if not disposed of properly. Materials such as paint, chemicals, wood chips, sawdust, dirt, dry wall, concrete, mortar, and other construction materials can contaminate our waterways if washed down the storm drain. Best Management Practices or BMPs are procedures that help to prevent pollutants from entering our storm drains. Each of us can do our part to keep storm water clean. Using BMPs adds up to a pollution solution!



DIRT!

It is **illegal** to pile dirt or other materials on streets, driveways, and sidewalks where it could run off into the storm drain. If you must temporarily remove soil and dirt, make sure it is contained by a berm and covered with a tarp. If you are permanently removing dirt, you should locate your nearest disposal area or contact a commercial business to handle your disposal needs.



PAINT & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Paint brushes, pans, sprayers, and other equipment and chemicals should **never** be rinsed out in the street or any area that might flow to the street. Water based paints can be rinsed into sinks that are connected to sanitary sewers. Oil based paints, solvents, chemicals and other hazardous materials (including electronic waste) can only be disposed of at a designated hazardous waste collection site, such as the Hyperion S.A.F.E. Collection Center at 1-800-988-6942.



BUILDING MATERIALS

When using water to clean or mix building materials make sure runoff does not end up in the storm drain. Materials such as concrete, mortar, pipes, dry wall, bricks, tar paper, asphalt, wood, stucco, mud and other construction materials cannot be thrown or placed in or near the street or sidewalk. Never wash excess materials from construction into a street or storm drain. Sweep up and dispose of small amounts of excess materials in the trash. Materials weighing over 50 pounds will need to be hauled away and disposed of properly.



SPILLS

If an accidental spill occurs immediately use rags, a mop, or an absorbent and containment materials to prevent liquids containing building materials and hazardous waste from entering the storm drain. For dry spills, sweep up the area and dispose of waste properly. **Never use a water hose to rinse a spill down the storm drain.**



For information about properly disposing of and/or recycling dirt, concrete, paint, drywall, and other materials call 1-888-CLEANLA or visit www.888CLEANLA.org

**For more information or to report an illegal discharge,
please call our Storm Water HOTline at 310-802-5300**